it has not come to notice that people have been paid, month after month, for which there is no provision made and for which no amount has been asked for in this House. What are we to understand? Your work is going on. Here is a case in which admittedly without any provision several hands have been paid for. Alright, Government does not come forward with any grant. It is a votable item of expenditure. Even now they have not tabled a sum of money to cover the money paid without provision. You ask for additional sums for services to be rendered in future. How were they so far getting on? I ask the question, without any provision in the budget? Why were not their services dispensed with? If, on the first of Chingam, the Additional Court in Trichur ceased functioning and the clerks that were attached to it were no longer needed, they should have been disbanded or absorbed into the same or any other department, where there was provision. We wish to know how this matter took place. We are not going to stand against this Rs. 648 for the purpose of providing for their services in future. But we want to understand clearly where the latches lie.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter is under inquiry.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—With these remarks, Sir, we have brought the matter to the attention of the Government, I do not wish to press the motion for omission.

The motion was therefore, considered withdrawn.

President.—The motion before the House is that an allotment of Rs. 648—under XV—Law and Justice be passed.

Question put and agreed to.

Cochin Kuries Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I move that the Cochin Kuries Bill, as amended by the Select Committee and the Council, be taken up and passed.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I second it.

President.—The motion before the House is that the Cochin Kuries Bill, as amended by the Select Committee and the Council, be taken up and passed.

Question put and agreed to.

Cochin Transfer of Property Bill.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Sir, the Cochin Transfer of Property Bill was referred to a Select Committee of which Mr. A. Sankara Menon, the late Government Advocate was the chairman. He went on leave and it was not possible to finish the work of the Committee. This motion is to name the present Government Advocate, Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, as a Member

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of the Committee and the President may nominate a chairman for the said Committee.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

Question proposed:—*That Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar, the Law Member, be named a member of the Committee.*

Question put and agreed to.

President.—I nominate the present Government Advocate as the Chairman of the committee.

Point of Order *re*: motion for the appointment of Chairmen to Select Committees.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—On a point of order, Sir, whether it is necessary to bring in a fresh motion for such appointments.

President.—There is the present motion to appoint a Member in the place of one who has resigned.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—If it is the Chairman of the Select Committee?

President.—Ordinarily the Chairman of the committee might report to the Diwan the name of any Member of the Select Committee who resigns, or neglects to attend the sitting. But here the President himself has resigned. There is no one to report to the Diwan.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—A similar case has come in my Bill. The President of the Select Committee of my Bill, the Thiyya Bill, is the Law Member. I wish to know whether a fresh motion is necessary.

President.—Yes. I think so. In this particular case it is necessary. It does not appear to be covered by the Rules. The Rules require that when a Member ceases to be a Member of the committee the chairman shall report it to the Diwan and then a fresh Member is nominated. In this case it is the chairman himself who resigns. The committee cannot report to the Diwan nor can he.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—When the Government Advocate tenders his resignation, it also implies that he resigns his membership and the Chairmanship in the Committee and so Government can nominate another President even without a motion like this. And there is also no provision in the Rules for such a motion. When the chairman of the Select Committee resigns, the Government can nominate another Chairman. In fact, the member sends a report that he has resigned his place. Then the Diwan will nominate another chairman even without a motion like this.

President.—The Diwan does not nominate the chairman but it is the President. It is the Council which nominates the member. The Diwan nominates only on the request of the chairman of the Committee. In this particular case there is no

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